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TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IMPROVEDPONTOON BRIDGE TO SPAN WISLA -- Rzeczpospolita, No 71, 13 Mar 49

To relieve the traffic on the Poniatowski Bridge, which is badly in need of basic repairs, a pontoon bridge will be built across the Wisla at Karowa Street and Brukowa Street in Praga as soon as weather permits.

All vehicular traffic will be diverted over the Slask-Debrowa Bridge which is to be opened on 22 July. Repairs on the Poniatowski Bridge will begin on 25 July. The entire roadway of the bridge will be resurfaced and the old streetcar tracks will be replaced by new ones. Only pedestrian traffic will be allowed during repairs. It is expected that repairs will be completed and the bridge will again be open to traffic by 15 October. The pontoon bridge will then be dismantled as no further need for it in 1950 is foreseen.

RIVER TRAFFIC TO START ON WISLA -- Rzeczpospolita, No 71, 13 Mar 49

The river fleet of State Navigation Administration has been thoroughly overhauled, and river traffic will begin as soon as weather permits. The first run to start will be Warsaw-Wloclawek; the second will be Warsaw-Lodz. By the end of May the Warsaw-Gdansk-Elblag route is expected to open.

COAL LOADINGS INCREASE IN BALTIC PORTS -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 51, 2 Mar 49

In February, coal loadings in the Baltic ports reached 1,175,000 tons as against the planned loadings of 1,110,000 tons. The average daily loadings were 42,000 tons. February loadings exceeded by 15,000 tons the loadings of September, which had been the record month for postwar loadings.

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MODERN MAIL COACHES BUILT IN WROCLAW -- Polska Zbrojnia, No 78, 20 Mar 49

At the Panstwowa Fabryka Wagonow (State Coach Factory) in Wroclaw, a formal ceremony on the assignment of the first five new-type, Polish-made mail coaches to the Ministry of Post and Telegraph. These coaches were built according to a model submitted by the Central Bureau of Railroad Car Construction of the Management of the Railroad Rolling-Stock and Equipment Industry.

This new-type mail coach is divided into an office and a mail compartment. In the office are machines for sorting mail, wardrobes for employees, revolving chairs and tables, one of which is equipped with modern letter suction tubes. A special section near the office has a coal stove that can be used by employees for preparation of food.

These five new mail coaches were tested on the Wroclaw-Miedzylesie line before being put into regular operation.

During 1949, the State Coach Factory at Wroclaw will construct 66 of these modern mail coaches.

WARSAW IMPORTS BUSES FROM FRANCE -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 48, 26 Feb 49

Representatives of Motosbyt concluded an agreement with France for the purchase of motorbuses to increase the motor transport pools of the city and suburban transit enterprises of Warsaw. The first group of 11 Chaussons is in transit and is expected in Warsaw on 26 February.

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